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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF DRV DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN AFRICA

REF: A) STATE 171606; B) STATE 062535

1. OUR ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT GOB POSITION ON PRG ISSUE FOLLOWS:

A. GOB POSTURE IS NOT TO RECOGNIZE PRG OR SUPPORT ITS MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

B. PARTICIPATION OF PRG IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IS CONSIDERED BY GOB ON MERITS OF EACH CASE.

2. IN DISCUSSING THE PRG AND GRUNK ISSUES WITH SENIOR GOB OFFICIALS WE HAVE DRAWN HEAVILY ON REF B, STRESSING THAT RECOGNITION PRG OR GRUNK WOULD UNDERMINE CAUSE OF PEACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED U.S. SUPPORT FOR LDC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND THAT PEACE IS FIRST IMPERATIVE IN PURSUIT THIS TAKS.

3. WE DO NOT SEE ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN GOB POSITION BUT WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SENIOR OFFICIALS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT BOTSWANA'S CONFIDENTIAL

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IMAGE AMONG OAU STATES AND IMPLICATION OF ITS POSITION FOR PART-

ICIPATION AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

4. GOB WILL PROBABLY BE REVIEWING THESE ISSUES IN PREPARATION FOR  
THE 29TH UNGA AND WE HOPE SUBMIT A MORE DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT  
IN COMING WEEKS.

5. IN THIS REGARD AND WITH ATTENTION TO CONCERNS NOTED PARA 3, WE  
WOULD WELCOME UPDATE OF REF B AND OTHER CURRENT THINKING ON PRG  
(AND GRUNK). WE WOULD ESPECIALLY WELCOME ARGUMENTATION WHICH DIS-  
TINGUISHES PRG AND GRUNK FROM AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH  
HAVE RECENTLY GAINED INCREASED LEGITIMACY AND RECOGNITION.

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